

October 2008 Update

Adult Therapeutic Foster Homes, a subclass of Behavioral Health Service Agencies are regulated by A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 4 and Title 9, Chapter 20, Article 15 of the Arizona Administrative Code. The Department believes that amendments to these rules will clarify licensee requirements and will benefit both the homes and recipients of the services provided by the homes.

To achieve the goal of improved Adult Therapeutic Foster Homes Rules, the Department met with members of the regulated community and other interested persons for their comments and feedback about the draft rules. The Department concluded these meetings at end of May.

The Department has posted draft rules on the Office of Administrative Counsel and Rules website, http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/index.htm. The Department will take public comment on this draft until Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

The Department will review any public comment received and may changes to the draft rules. The Department plans to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the Office of Secretary of State by the end of October 2008.

If you have questions about the Adult Therapeutic Foster Homes rulemaking, please contact Jessica Johnson at johnsojm@azdhs.gov or 602-542-1513.